

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In a telephone communication on May 26, 2006 between the undersigned attorney Maria Comninou and Examiner D. Jacob Davis it was agreed that the Office Action mailed on March 29, 2006 did not take into consideration the preliminary amendment filed by Applicants on October 9, 2003. The preliminary amendment included amendments to the Abstract, claims, specification and drawings, rendering the Office Action substantially moot. For this reason, it was agreed that Applicants did not have to respond to the Office Action of March 29, 2006. The Examiner agreed to issue a new Office Action before the June 29, 2006 due date.

REMARKS

As discussed above under the Interview Summary, the Office Action mailed on March 29, 2006 did not take into consideration the preliminary amendment filed by Applicants on October 9, 2003. The preliminary amendment included amendments to the Abstract, claims, specification and drawings, rendering the Office Action substantially moot. For this reason, it was agreed that Applicants did not have to respond to the Office Action of March 29, 2006. The Examiner agreed to issue a new Office Action before the June 29, 2006 due date.

As of the filing date of this Response, a new Office Action has not been received by Applicants. This Response is filed to avoid any extension fees, further requesting withdrawal of the Office Action of March 29, 2006, and issuance of a New Office Action with a new due date, without prejudice for Applicants, and with a new three-month period for reply.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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